

**MINUTES  
LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2016**

**PRESENT:** President Marc Liechti, Directors Rex Niles, Jack Thomson and Jim Heim, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, and Beth Dotson, Secretary

**ABSENT:** Roxanne Wadman

President Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Director Thomson to accept the agenda. Director Niles seconded and motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Board meeting on March 15, 2016 were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Niles to accept these Minutes. Director Thomson seconded and motion carried.

**VISITORS:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Combined Balance Sheet shows current assets at \$2,212,634.22, fixed assets at \$9,016,324.76, total liabilities at \$882,759.77, and total equity at \$10,365,187.21 for a total liabilities and equity balance of \$11,247,946.98.

The Income Statement shows Water Fund total revenue in March to be \$16,357.00, expenses to be \$35,821.06, and total other revenue to be \$2,210.39 resulting in net income for the Water Fund of -\$17,253.67.

The Income Statement shows Sewer Fund total revenue in March to be \$38,676.97, expenses to be \$57,043.17, and total other revenue to be \$6,454.14, resulting in net income for the Sewer Fund of -\$11,912.06

A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the financial report. Director Niles seconded and motion carried.

**BILL APPROVAL:** Accounts payable for March were reviewed. Expenses of note included:

- Pete Sifuentes – Magnetic safety signs for trucks
- Tanner Smith – White Oak sewer leak and L/S 12 piping replacement
- Guardian Electric – New lighting for office and shop
- Ferguson Waterworks – New grinder station on Caroline Point
- Tanner Smith – Replacement of five (5) grinder pumps

The Capital One credit card statement for March was also reviewed.

Director Niles made a motion to approve the bills. Director Thomson seconded and motion carried.

**DELINQUENT REPORT:** Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

White Oak L/S – Foam was triggering an alarm. Put the sensor in a pipe to prevent the foam from interfering with the sensor. Issue has been resolved.

South Eighty Water System – There was an issue with Lot 37 regarding whether a septic system would be allowed. DEQ confirmed that they will not allow a septic. There is an easement to the public sewer system. Approval to begin drilling the well is expected.

Lift Station 2 (near Somers) – DEQ has issued approval to reduce the two 20-HP pumps to two 3-HP pumps. Pumps and control panel have been ordered and are expected in approximately six (6) weeks. Communication with Mr. Holland whose property has been affected by the Lift Station in the past will be initiated.

Lift Station 11 (near Volunteer Park) – New pumps and control panel have been ordered.

Grinder Pumps – Five (5) grinder pumps were replaced on Caroline Point.

Office Lighting – New energy efficient was installed in the LCWSD office and shop. LCWSD received a \$2300.00 rebate from Flathead Electric.

Rate Increase – A rate increase is under consideration and will be discussed further at the May meeting. Montana Rural Water may be asked to make a presentation to the Board on how they would present the increase to customers.

Tank Well – A water rights extension through 2043 was approved by the DEQ.

New Hookups

Outside District – Tiebucker's Lot 1

Inside District – 428 Bierney Creek Road

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Office Heating and Cooling – Quotes were received from Airworks and Blacktail Refrigeration to install a heat pump system. Blacktail Refrigeration was approximately \$2,000.00 cheaper than Airworks. A rebate of \$750.00 is anticipated.

A motion to accept Blacktail Refrigeration's bid of \$10,298 for installing a heat pump system was made by Director Niles. Director Thomson seconded and motion carried.

Treatment Site Fence

The final portion of the 4-string barbed wire fencing and posts (about 2500 feet) is estimated to cost \$7155. Cost includes two gate supports.

A motion to move forward with this fencing project was made by Director Thomson. Director Niles seconded and motion carried.

#### Paving of Parking Lot

Cost estimates to repave the LCWSD office/shop parking lot were received from G-Man Asphalt and Glacier Paving. Both contractors recommended removing the old pavement rather than covering. Bids were identical.

A motion to accept Glacier Paving's bid of \$11,640 for paving and \$325 for striping was made by Director Heim. Director Niles seconded and motion carried.

#### Snow Plow

The snow plow needs to be replaced. A new BOSS plow that will mount to the truck was quoted at \$6295 from Currier Welding. Board requested another estimate be obtained. The old plow will be sold for \$2000 to \$2500.

#### Other

Pivot has been started.

A motion to appoint Jim Heim to serve as Director for a four-year term ending in December 2019 was made by Director Thomson. Director Niles seconded and motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Dotson, Secretary

**(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016)**